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SUBJ: QOTH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL--AGENDA ITEM 7--INTEGRATION
OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY: UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL JANUARY 21-22 CONSIDERED UNDP
ACTION IN RESPONSE TO UNGA'S PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR
ESTABLISHMENT NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, WITH SPECIAL
CONSIDERATION THIS AGENDA ITEM OF WOMEN'S ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT.
UNDP DOCUMENT CONTAINING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION DESIGNED
TO FURTHER GOALS OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR (IWY)
1975 INTRODUCED BY MRS. ULLA OLIN, UNDP SENIOR PROGRAM
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER. COUNCIL ALSO ADDRESSED BY MRS. HELVI
SIPILA, UN ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF IWY.
THIRTY ONE DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING US, INTERVENED IN
SUPPORT EFFORTS TO INTEGRATE WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT. US URGED
UNDP EXERCISE STRONG LEADERSHIP ROLE, ACCORD EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
TO WOMEN IN DECISION-MAKING POSTS, EXPERT POSITIONS, PROGRAM
PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION. ALSO URGED SCRUTINY UNDP
PROJECTS ALL SECTORS FOR EXTENT
IMPACT WOMEN, AND ASKED THAT SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR
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APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION OF IMPACT UNDP ACTIVITIES

ON OWMEN BE INCORPORATED IN GUIDELINES SECOND UNDP
PROGRAMMING CYCLE. REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR REPORT TO 20TH
GOVERNING COUNCIL STATUS ALL UNDP ACTIONS INTEGRATION WOMEN
IN DEVELOPMENT. END SUMMARY

1. AGENDA ITEM ON WOMEN'S INTEGRATION IN DEVELOPMENT
INTRODUCED BY ULLA OLIN, SENIOR OFFICER, UNDP PROGRAM
POLICY DIVISION. SHE MADE NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS ON NATURE OF
PROBLEM AND STRESSED ANALOGY CONCERNING SIGNIFICANCE OF
FAMILY IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. SAID FAMILY BASIC UNIT IN
SOCIETY, BUT PRIVATE FAMILY RECEDES INTO BACKGROUND IN
COURSE OF DEVELOPMENT, WITH TRANSFER OF MORE FUNCTIONS
(ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, ETC.) AWAY FROM PRIVATE FAMILY TO
SOCIETY AT LARGE. BECAUSE MEN AND WOMEN COMPLEMENTARY AND
BOTH NEEDED TO RUN FAMILY, WOMEN MUST BE GIVEN EQUAL ROLE
IN MANAGEMENT OF SOCIETY. EMPHASIZED EQUALITY NOT, REPEAT
NOT, SAMENESS. EQUAL RIGHTS, EQUAL PAY, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
ESSENTIAL, BUT IN MANAGEMENT OF AFFAIRS OF "PUBLIC" FAMILY
IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT MEN AND WOMEN COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER.
RESULT IS THAT WOMEN'S INTEGRATION IN DEVELOPMENT OFFERS
FURTHER, LONG DELAYED OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION.
WORKING TOGETHER ON TWO MAIN COMPONENTS OF DEVELOPMENT--
TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL FORMS TO UTILIZE THAT TECHNOLOGY--
MEN AND WOMEN COULD CREATE IMPROVED SOCIAL ORDER NATIONALLY
AND INTERNATIONALLY. MRS. OLIN CITED ADMINISTRATOR'S
RECOMMENDATIONS DP/83--ON WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING
PREPARATION INFORMATIVE BOOKLET WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR
AFFIRMATIVE ACTIONS AND IDENTIFICATION UNDP PROJECTS IMPACTING
ON WOMEN, AND ASKED FOR COUNCIL'S ENDORSEMENT UNDP EFFORTS
INTEGRATE WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT.

2. STATEMENT THIS AGENDA ITEM ALSO MADE BY UN ASSISTANT
SECRETARY-GENERAL HELVI SIPILA. NOTED THAT INCLUSION THIS
AGENDA ITEM COINCIDED WITH START OF IWY, AND CONSISTENT WITH
GOAL OF SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE ON INTEGRATION OF WOMEN
IN DEVELOPMENT. CITED INCREASING AWARENESS THAT WOMEN AS A
GROUP HAVE GENERALLY NEITHER BENEFITED FROM RESULTS OF DE-
VELOPMENT NOR PARTICIPATED IN THE PLANNING AND POLICY MAKING
CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPMENT. DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED EQUAL RIGHTS,
OPPORTUNITIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN.
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NOTED UNDP COULD PLAY KEY ROLES BY NATURE OF ITS ACTIVITIES
AND ITS STRUCTURE WHICH GIVES RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES IN
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE PAR-
TICIPATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT. SIPILA NOTED WITH
GREAT SATISFACTION RECOMMENDATIONS THIS SUBJECT IN UNDP
ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS AND URGED GOVERNMENTS FOLLOW SUIT
THIS PRIORITY WITHIN CONTEXT THEIR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS
AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES. CITED INSIGHTS OF WORLD

POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION ON INTER-RELATIONSHIP OF WOMEN, POPULATION PROBLEMS, AND DEVELOPMENT, AND OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE CONCERNING ROLE OF WOMEN IN FOOD QUESTIONS.

3. COUNTRY INTERVENTIONS--THIRTY ONE DELEGATIONS INTERVENED IN DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT. PHILIPPINES SUGGESTED UNDP PLAY PRIMARY ROLE IN ASSISTING NATIONAL EFFORTS TO DEVELOP ECONOMIC PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY OF WOMEN BY UPGRADING THEIR QUALIFICATIONS THROUGH TRAINING AND EDUCATION. FRG, FRANCE AND OTHERS STRESSED IMPORTANCE WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN BOTH PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING UNDP PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS. SWEDEN, NETHERLANDS AND OTHERS ENDORSED ADMINISTRATOR'S INTENTION TO PREPARE INFORMATIVE BOOKLET. PERU CAUTIONED THAT DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO CENTRAL OBJECTIVE WOULD BE NECESSARY IN DIFFERENT REGIONS AND ACTIVITIES TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE CULTURAL VALUES EACH SOCIETY. USSR HOPED ACCOUNT WOULD BE TAKEN OF EXPERIENCE OF COUNTRIES WHICH HAD SATISFACTORY SITUATION REGARDING INTEGRATION OF WOMEN. BELGIUM WANTED SPECIAL ATTENTION TO WOMEN IN UNDP PROJECTS. FINLAND, BELGIUM WANTED ANNUAL UNDP PROGRESS REPORT. GHANA, DAHOMEY STRESSED THAT INTEGRATION OF WOMEN NOT ONLY A PROBLEM IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SEVERAL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES INCLUDING BELGIUM, US ACKNOWLEDGED THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES NEEDED TO "PUT THEIR HOUSES IN ORDER" AS MUCH AS DID THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. US DELEGATION (KITCHEN) URGED UNDP BY VIRTUE ITS DEVELOPMENTAL MANDATE AND WORLDWIDE OPERATIONAL BASE TO EXERCISE STRONG LEADERSHIP ROLE IN BOTH SHORT AND LONG TERM MEASURES TO ACHIEVE FULL INTEGRATION WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING CONCERTED INPUTS TO ACTIVITIES OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR. STRONGLY SUPPORTED ADMINISTRATOR'S AFFIRMATION, IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT TO COUNCIL SESSION, THAT UNDP WOULD ACCORD EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO WOMEN TO HOLD POLICY AND DECISION-MAKING POSTS AT UNDP HEADQUARTERS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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IN FILED. URGED UNDP ALSO ENCOURAGE PLACEMENT GREATLY INCREASED NUMBER QUALIFIED WOMEN IN EXPERT POSITIONS IN UNDP-FUNDED PROJECTS. URGED SCRUTINY UNDP PROJECTS ALL SECTORS FOR EXTENT THEIR IMPACT ON WOMEN, AND ASKED THAT PROVISION FOR APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION OF IMPACT UNDP ACTIVITIES ON WOMEN BE INCORPORATED IN GUIDELINES FOR UNDP SECOND PROGRAMMING CYCLE. REQUESTED ADMINISTRATOR REPORT TO 20 TH GC ON STATUS ALL UNDP ACTIONS THIS REGARD INCLUDING ACTIONS IN RESPONSE ALL ECOSOC AND GA RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING INTEGRATION WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT EFFORT. ENDORSED ADMINISTRATOR'S INTENTION PREPARE INFORMATIVE BOOKLET ON WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING PROPOSALS FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION. NOTED INTERRELATIONS BETWEEN POPULATION FACTORS, STATUS OF WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT STATED IN WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION, URGED THIS CORRELATION BE KEPT IN FOCUS IN IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS UNDP AND

UNFPA. DELEGATIONS AGREED ON NEED FOR CONCERTED MEASURES BY
UNDP TO FURTHER THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT
EFFORT.

4. MRS OLIN THANKED THE COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THEIR RESPONSE
ON THIS MATTER. SAID PROCESS OF INTEGRATING WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT
WAS COMPLEX, LONG-TERM, AD VARIED FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY,
BUT ACTION NEEDED WORLD-WIDE, AND GOAL WAS FULL INTEGRATION
OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT.

5. UNDP DRAFT DECISION ON INTERPRETATION OF WOMEN
IN DEVELOPMENT UNDER EXTENSIVE NEGOTIATION. WILL
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